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1/ As approved at the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 17 July 1992.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedures of the Trade and Development Board, each subsidiary organ of the Board shall elect its own officers. In accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur of the Working Party, the Chairman at the Working Party's twenty-first session (the seventh of a seven-session cycle) shall be the representative of one of the States members of Group A (Asia) and the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur the representative of one of the States members of Group A (Africa).

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Working Party was approved by the Working Party at its twentieth session in April 1991. In view of the postponement of the twenty-first session until September 1992 and the Working Party's previous decisions concerning the periodicity of its review of technical cooperation activities and programme evaluation, it was decided and approved at the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 17 July 1992 that the provisional agenda originally approved by the Working Party at its twentieth session should be expanded to include items 3 and 4 on technical cooperation and programme evaluation respectively.

In deciding upon the organization of work, the Working Party may wish to consider the suggestions contained in the tentative timetable annexed to the present document.

Item 3: Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

Pursuant to paragraph 11(a) of Conference resolution 114(V), paragraph 11(b) of Board resolution 231(XXII) and the recommendations adopted by the Working Party at its previous sessions, the Working Party will examine, at its twenty-first session, the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing on the basis of a report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat describing activities carried out in 1989, 1990 and 1991 (document TD/B/WP/76 and Add.1)

The report begins with a summary that highlights the main features of UNCTAD's technical cooperation during the period 1989-1991. Part I comments on general trends in the source and use of technical cooperation funds. Part 1I reviews activities by programme area, organised according to the structure of the secretariat during this period. Part III addresses recent developments in UNCTAD's technical cooperation, including support for capacity-building in developing countries, cooperation with other organizations and the mobilisation of resources. This section of the report concludes with the information on recent General Assembly resolutions on operational activites that have a bearing on UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities.

The main report is accompanied by a detailed statistical annex listing all projects in operation during the reporting period, together with information on project expenditures, Trust Fund contributions and experts/consultants.

Item 4: Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the work of the secretariat on programme evaluation

Document TD/B/WP/77 is the seventh report on programme evaluation in UNCTAD. The report reviews the development of the evaluation process in UNCTAD, covering both substantive programmes and technical cooperation activities, and provides an overall assessment of this process. It also discusses future activities and orientations which are of particular significance in the light of the new requirements arising from the results of UNCTAD VIII and of the recent discussions at the thirty-second session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination held in May 1992. During those discussions, the Joint Inspection Unit again praised UNCTAD for its practice of reporting its evaluation findings to the member States of UNCTAD. The CPC decided that findings from self-evaluation studies should be reported by programme managers to their respective governing bodies and that such reports should be placed on the agendas of the specialized governing bodies so that they could discuss them.

Item 5: Review of draft revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997

The Working Party will have before it the proposed revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for the Period 1992-1997 (document TD/B/WP/78). The current exercise constitutes the first revision to the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and is intended to integrate the latest major intergovernmental decisions into the Plan.

The proposed revisions to two of the UNCTAD sections, i.e. Programmes 13 and 14, in the light of the decisions taken by UNCTAD VIII conerning orientations for developing both fresh approaches to long-standing issues and insights for pursuing relevant new lines of work, have entailed substantive changes in terms of both structure and content. Consequently, and for ease of reference, the full text of these revised UNCTAD sections of the Plan has been reproduced. The proposed revisions relating to the remaining Programme 15 are, however, relatively minor. In this case, only the proposed revisions are indicated.

After their consideration by the Working Party, the proposed revisions of the UNCTAD sections of the Plan, together with other proposals for revisions of other sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan 1992-1997, will be considered by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at the second part of its thirty-second session (31 August-18 September 1992) and subsequently by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

Item 6: Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to paragraph 4 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party at its ninth session

In paragraph 4 of the agreed conclusions adopted at its ninth session, the Working Party invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, inter alia, to keep the Working Party informed on economies, as well as on redeployment of resources, including staff redeployment, that will be necessary to implement adequately the work programme deriving from relevant resolutions and decisions of intergovernmental bodies and conferences. The UNCTAD secretariat will report orally to the Working Party on any further developments in this regard.

Item 7: Provisional agenda for the twenty-second session of the Working Party

The UNCTAD secretariat will submit to the Working Party for its consideration a draft provisional agenda for the twenty-second session.

Item 8: Other business

Item 9: Adoption of the report of the Working party to the Trade and Development Board

The report of the Working Party on its twenty-first session will be considered by the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its thirty-ninth session.

Annex

Tentative timetable

Monday, 31 August 1992

10.00 a.m.	Item 1 - Election of officers Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Item 3 - Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
3.00 p.m.	Item 3 - Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (continued)

Tuesday, 1 September 1992

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.	Item 3 - Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (continued)

Wednesday, 2 September 1992

10.00 a.m.	Item 3 - Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (conclusion) Item 4 - Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the work of the secretariat on programme evaluation
3.00 p.m.	Item 5 - Review of draft revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997

Thursday, 3 September 1992

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.	Item 5 - Review of draft revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 (continued)

Friday, 4 September 1992

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.	Item 5 - Review of draft revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 (continued)

Monday, 7 September 1992

10.00 a.m.	Item 5 -	Review of draft revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 (Continued)
3.00 p.m.	Item 5 -	Review of draft revisions to the UNCTAD sections of the United Nations Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 (conclusion)
	Item 6 -	Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to paragraph 4 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party at its ninth session

Tuesday, 8 September 1992

Morning		Time allowed for the preparation of the draft report
Afternoon	Item 7 -	Provisional agenda for the twenty-second session of the Working Party
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